

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (**canceled**)

Claim 9 (**new**): A modular fountain comprising:

a base member including a lower surface for supporting said base member and an upper surface, said upper surface including an opening formed therein and in communication with a passageway and in base member;

a top portion of said fountain including a bowl for containing a quantity of water, said top portion including a lower surface for engagement with the upper surface of said base member, said lower surface of said top portion including an opening formed therein, and;

a first twist and lock bayonet type connector for removably connecting said top portion to said base member, said first connector including a first collar connected to said base member and disposed in said opening in said upper surface of said base member and a second collar connected to said top portion and disposed in said opening in said lower surface in said top portion, said first connector including cooperating projections for engaging said first collar with said second collar in a twist and lock manner for connecting said top portion to said base member and when said top portion is connected to said base member a passageway is provided between said bowl and said passage in said base member.

Claim 10 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 9.

a conduit extending through said opening in said bowl and said opening in said base member.

Claim 11 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 10 including:

a pump disposed in said bowl and a power cord extending between said pump and said base member through said conduit and into said passage in said base member.

Claim 12 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 10 including:  
a housing disposed in said bowl and enclosing said pump.

Claim 13 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 12 wherein:  
said housing includes a top wall having an opening therein for access to an interior  
portion of said housing.

Claim 14 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 13 wherein:  
said conduit extends within said opening in said top wall of said housing.

Claim 15 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 12 including:  
a second twist and lock bayonet connector including a first collar supported on said  
housing and a second collar connected to a further part of said fountain whereby said further part  
of said fountain may be releasably connected to said top portion by engagement of said first and  
second collars of said second connector for releasably connecting said further part of said  
fountain to said top portion.

Claim 16 (**new**): A modular fountain, comprising:

a pump for circulating water in said fountain, said pump having a power cord for supplying electrical power to said pump;

a bowl for storing water and including a lower surface, said bowl having an opening extending through said lower surface;

a pump housing for containing said pump, said pump housing being supported in said bowl and including a top wall having an opening extending therethrough for access to an internal portion of said pump housing, said pump housing being disposed in said bowl so that said opening in said bowl allows access to said internal portion of said pump housing;

a base for supporting said bowl, said base having a cavity therein, an upper surface and a lower surface, said upper surface of said base having an opening extending therethrough, said lower surface of said base for resting said fountain on a support surface; and

a first bayonet connector for removably connecting said bowl to said base, said first bayonet connector comprising a first collar rigidly disposed in said opening in said bowl and a second collar rigidly disposed in said opening extending through said upper surface of said base, said first bayonet connector having a passage therethrough so that, when said first collar of said first bayonet connector is engaged with said second collar of said first bayonet connector, a passageway exists between said internal portion of said pump housing and said cavity of said base.

Claim 17 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 16 including:

a statue having a lower surface; and

a second bayonet connector for removably connecting said statue to said pump housing, and comprising a first collar connected to said statue and a second collar rigidly disposed in said opening extending through said top wall of said pump housing, said first collar of said second bayonet connector being engageable with said second collar of said second bayonet connector, said second bayonet connector having a passage therethrough so that, when said first collar of said second bayonet connector is engaged with said second collar of said second bayonet connector, a passageway exists between a cavity of said statue and said internal portion of said pump housing.

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Claim 18 (**new**): The modular fountain set forth in Claim 17 including:

a conduit extending through said opening in said bowl wherein, when said bowl is connected to said base by said first bayonet connector, said conduit is operable to provide a passage for said power cord of said pump from said pump housing into said cavity of said base.

Claim 19 (new): A modular fountain, comprising:

a pump for circulating water in said fountain, said pump having a power cord for supplying electrical power to said pump;

a statute having a lower surface, including an opening extending therein;

a bowl having an upper curved surface defining a concave portion for storing water and a lower surface, said bowl having an opening extending through both said lower surface and said upper curved surface of said bowl;

a pump housing for supporting said statute and for containing said pump, said pump housing extending from said upper curved surface of said bowl and including a top wall having an opening extending therethrough for access to an internal portion of said pump housing, said pump housing being disposed on said upper curved surface of said bowl so that said opening in said bowl allows access to said internal portion of said pump housing;

a first bayonet connector for removably connecting said statue to said pump housing, and comprising a first collar rigidly disposed in said opening in said lower surface of said statue and a second collar rigidly disposed in said opening extending through said top wall of said pump housing, said first collar of said first bayonet connector being engageable with said second collar of said first bayonet connector, said first bayonet connector having a passage therethrough so that, when said first collar of said first bayonet connector is engaged with said second collar of said first bayonet connector, a passageway exists between said cavity of said statue and said internal portion of said pump housing;

a base for supporting said bowl, said base having a cavity therein, an upper surface and a lower surface, said upper surface of said base having an opening extending therethrough, said lower surface of said base for resting on a support surface;

a second bayonet connector for removably connecting said bowl to said base, said second bayonet connector comprising a first collar rigidly disposed in said opening in said bowl and a second collar rigidly disposed in said opening extending through said upper surface of said base, said second bayonet connector having a passage therethrough so that, when said first collar of said second bayonet connector is engaged with said second collar of said second bayonet

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connector, a passageway exists between said internal portion of said pump housing and said cavity of said base; and

a conduit extending through said opening in said bowl, wherein, when said bowl is connected to said base by said second bayonet connector, said conduit is operable to provide a passage for said power cord of said pump from said pump housing into said cavity of said base.